

# LOCAL REVENUE MEASURE

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT

Fiscal Year 2019–20



### Islay Hill Park

*The Local Revenue Measure funded the replacement of the playground equipment and pathways at Islay Hill Park. The project also included new shade structures over the play areas, picnic tables and a hydration station.*

### PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## HOW DID WE SPEND REVENUES?

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Read about how Local Revenue Measure funds were spent in 2019-2020.



## SOUTH BROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS


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Learn about our project that included asphalt replacement, new curb ramps, striping and bicycle safety improvements.



This report highlights the revenue and uses of the Local Revenue Measure for the time frame beginning July 2019 and ending June 2020. Due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Local Revenue Measure revenues were lower than originally projected. To offset the loss in revenues, the City reduced and deferred non-essential services and non-critical infrastructure projects while prioritizing essential City services such as public safety and emergency response.

The Revenue Enhancement Oversight Commission (REOC) will continue its oversight role on the use of the Local Revenue Measure to support accountability and public engagement efforts. The Local Revenue Measure continues to be a vital resource to deliver the community's highest priorities and support San Luis Obispo's economic stability, recovery and resiliency. Community members can learn more about the Local Revenue Measure by visiting [www.slocity.org/localrevenue](http://www.slocity.org/localrevenue).



*Local Revenue Measure funding was used for preliminary steps toward securing a conservation easement for the Miossi Brothers La Cuesta Ranch, which is the next phase of the project following the acquisition of the 266-acre Miossi Open Space in 2018-19.*

The Local Revenue Measure – also known as Measure G – is a one-half percent local sales tax approved by City voters in November 2006. It protects and maintains essential services and facilities, such as open space preservation, bike lanes and sidewalks, public safety, neighborhood street paving and code enforcement, flood protection, senior programs, and other vital services and capital improvement projects. These community spending priorities help guide the Citizens’

Revenue Enhancement Oversight Commission (REOC) when making recommendations to the Council about Local Revenue Measure uses. The Council uses the REOC’s input, and additional public feedback, to prioritize use of the Local Revenue Measure funding as part of the City’s two-year financial planning process. The Local Revenue Measure (Measure G-20) was renewed and extended at a one and half-percent rate in November 2020.



*The Local Revenue Measure funded patrol officers and a Sergeant, including the Downtown Bicycle Officers. Downtown patrol has been instrumental in being a visual deterrent and enforcement option in the downtown core to keep residents, businesses and visitors safe.*

*This image was taken following all health and safety guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19.*

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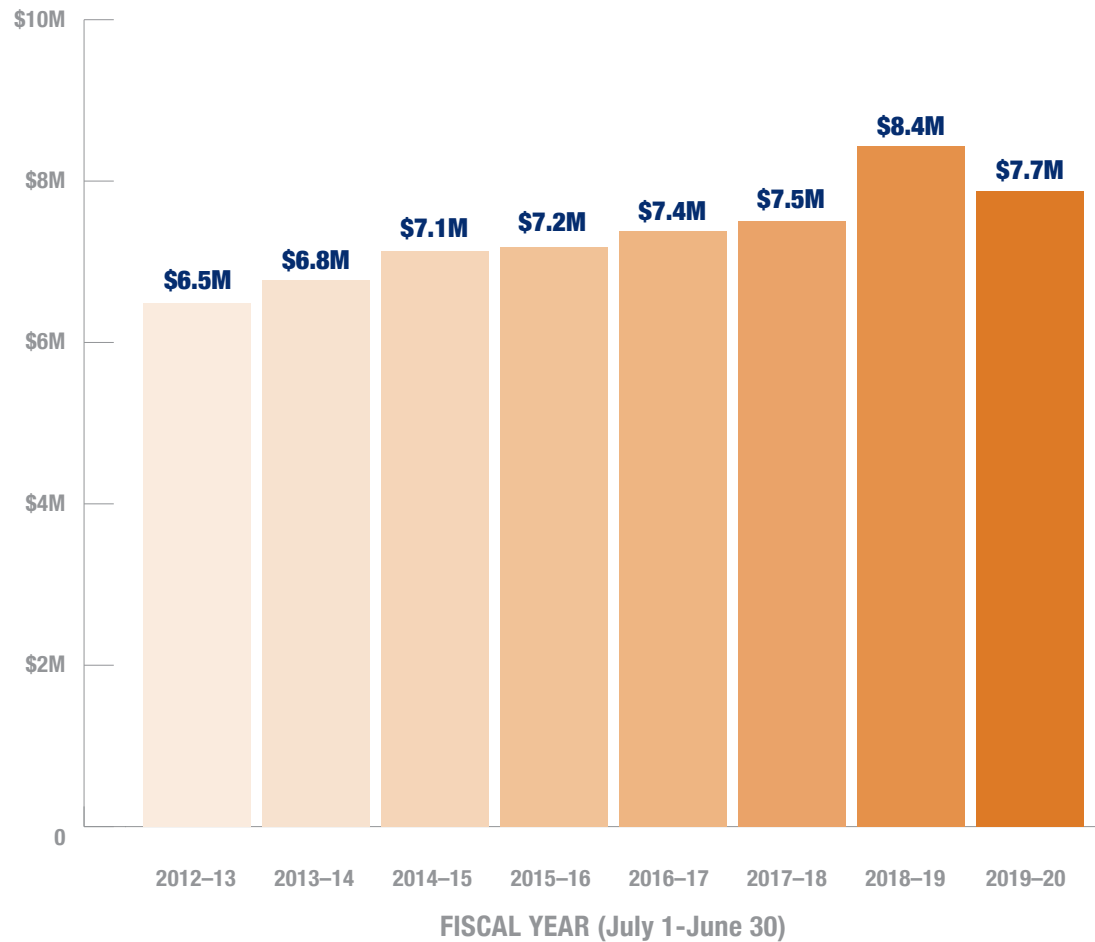
projects – shall the City’s Municipal Code be amended to extend the current one-half percent local sales tax for eight years, with independent annual audits, public goal setting and budgeting, and a Citizens’ Oversight Commission?”



**Sinsheimer Pool Upgrades:** The project consisted of the removal and replacement of the therapy pool’s plaster interior and other minor improvements to current public pool standards. New tiling, depth markers, stainless steel grabrail steps, underwater lights and an ADA compliant lift were also added.

Local one-half percent sales tax revenue totaled **\$7.7 million** in 2019-20, which added approximately **13 percent** to the general fund. The Local Revenue Measure has generated more than **\$87.1 million** since its original adoption in November 2006.

**Open Space Rangers:** The Local Revenue Measure funded two Ranger positions. The Rangers helped maintain over 4,000 acres of open space and 55 miles of trails. They also led open space hikes with community members.



2019-20 Local Revenue Measure funds were used on the following Council-adopted priorities:

**Bob Jones Trail Sealing Project:** As part of the 2020 Roadway Sealing Project, a section of the Trail received a slurry seal and new striping



**27%**

**NEIGHBORHOOD STREET PAVING**  
(INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO BIKE LANES)  
\$1.9 million



**24%**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
\$1.7 million



**15%**

**PARKS AND RECREATION/  
SENIOR PROGRAMS AND  
FACILITIES**  
\$1 million



**12%**

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN  
IMPROVEMENTS**  
\$871,000



**10%**

**FLOOD PROTECTION**  
\$670,000



**4%**

**OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION**  
\$270,000



**4%**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**  
\$310,000



**2%**

**OTHER VITAL SERVICES  
AND CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
\$133,000



**2%**

**TRAFFIC CONGESTION  
RELIEF/SAFETY  
IMPROVEMENTS**  
\$160,000

**Bullock Lane storm drain:** The project replaced a corrugated metal pipe culvert (CMP) crossing at Bullock Lane. The CMP culvert was at risk of imminent failure due to pipe corrosion. In addition to a new culvert pipe, the project included installation of a concrete headwall and rock slope protection features to guard against major storm events.



Local Revenue Measure uses fall into two categories: **operating programs** and **capital programs**.

## Operating Uses (\$2.2M) // 32%

### To fund positions that provide services

Examples of these costs include funding for positions such as police officers, open space rangers and flood control staff.

## Capital Uses (\$4.8M) // 68%

### To fund construction and investment in equipment

Examples of capital expenditures were the South Broad Street Improvements, a conservation easement for the Miossi Brothers La Cuesta Ranch, and the Islay Hill Park Playground.

For every

# \$1 of revenue

generated by the Local Revenue Measure, approximately

## 70¢ is paid by visitors

and

## 30¢ is paid by City residents

*(This information was based on 2019 data and may change in the current and future fiscal years due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our community.)*

## South Broad Street Improvements

As the main route to the San Luis Obispo County Airport, surrounding neighborhoods, shopping and the Damon Garcia Sports Fields, South Broad Street is used by pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. The project included the removal of failing asphalt pavement and

replacement with a new asphalt section to meet the demands for a variety of modes of transportation using South Broad Street. The project also included the construction of six new curb ramps and substantial roadway striping changes to improve bicycle safety.



*Specific bicycle improvements included the installation of buffered bike lanes as well as the narrowing of vehicle travel lanes to increase bike lane widths.*





# PLANNED LOCAL REVENUE MEASURE USES

The Local Revenue Measure is a critical revenue source for community investment and economic recovery due to the impacts of COVID-19. The City is committed to completing projects that maintain infrastructure and support the delivery of essential services to residents and businesses.



**MARSH ST BRIDGE**  
COMPLETED JANUARY 2021



**MIOSSI OPEN SPACE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC**  
SPRING 2021



**RAILROAD SAFETY TRAIL (TAFT TO PEPPER STREETS)**  
SUMMER 2021



**2020 ROADWAY SEALING (IMPROVEMENTS TO 82 ROADS SPANNING 19 MILES)**  
COMPLETED OCTOBER 2020

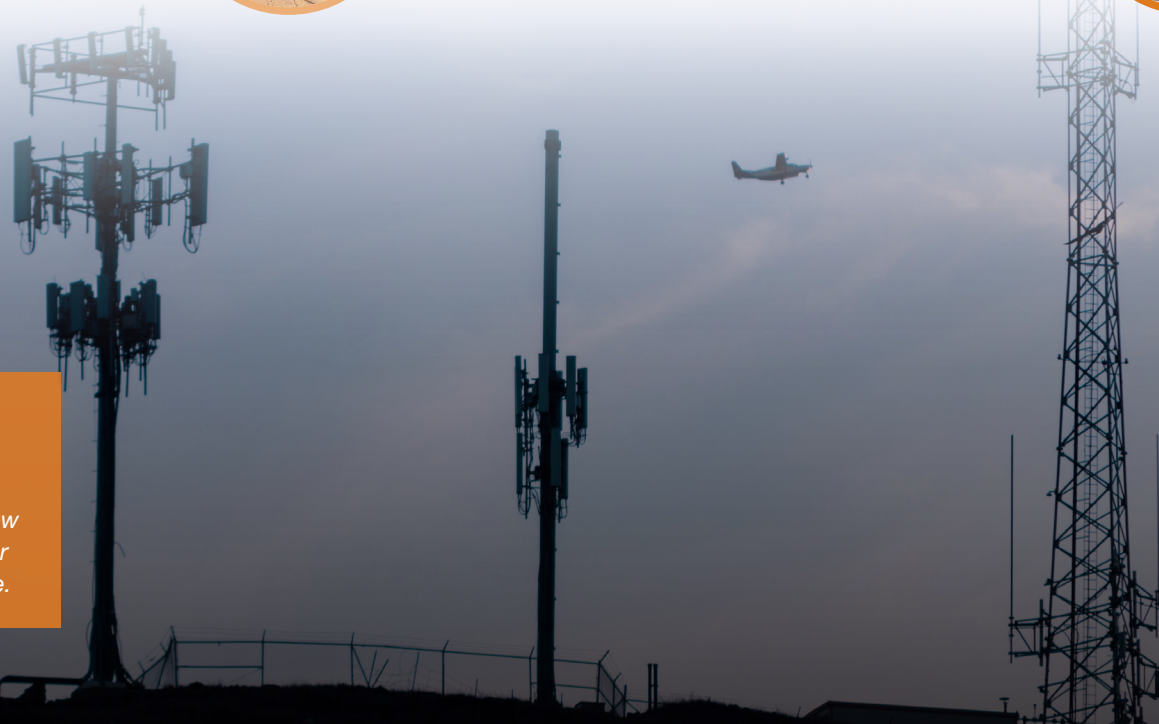


**PAVEMENT AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGUERA STREET**  
MAY 2021



**PEDESETRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS**  
SUMMER 2021

**Public Safety Radio Tower:** The project consisted of the removal and replacement of the existing radio shelter, antenna poles and generator to power the facility in case of an emergency or loss of power. A new 100' radio tower was built to boost signal reception for public safety personnel responding to calls for service.



PROJECT TITLE	OPERATING PROGRAMS		CAPITAL PROJECTS	
	2019-20 (BUDGET)	2019-20 (ACTUAL)	2019-20 (BUDGET & CARRYOVER*)	2019-20 (ACTUAL)



## OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

Urban Forest Maintenance			175,797	35,663
Laguna Lake Dredging and Sediment Management Project Implementation			19,977	14,316
Open Space - Annual Asset Maintenance Account			59,993	17,709
Open Space Acquisition			68,189	55,342
Ranger Services (Ranger Staffing: FTE= 2)	146,474	146,474		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>146,474</b>	<b>146,474</b>	<b>323,956</b>	<b>123,030</b>



## BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

New Street Lights			76,101	26,079
Bicycle Facility Improvements			16,403	16,359
Railroad Safety Trail: Taft Street to Pepper Street			230,261	83,623
Sidewalk Replacement			169,707	142,836
Downtown Renewal			286,096	280,801
Active Transportation Plan			100,146	75,114
Anholm Neighborhood Greenway Plan - Phase 1			46,045	45,672
Transportation Planning and Engineering (Engineer, Active Transportation Manager: FTE=1.6)	200,678	200,678		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>200,678</b>	<b>200,678</b>	<b>924,759</b>	<b>670,484</b>

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 **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF / SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

Transportation Safety & Operations Improvement			9,196	9,196
Traffic Safety Report Implementation			32,587	4,118
Neighborhood Traffic Improvements			94,094	37,079
Signal and Light Maintenance (Technician: FTE=1)	109,598	109,598		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>109,598</b>	<b>109,598</b>	<b>135,877</b>	<b>50,393</b>



*The Signal & Streetlight Technician operates and maintains traffic signals and streetlights on City streets to ensure safe and efficient traffic flow through intersections and provide well-lit streets and neighborhoods.*

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

IT Public Safety Replacements & Improvements			442,287	116,087
Handheld and Vehicle Radio Replacement			203,000	
City Firewall Replacement			154,863	154,856
Facility Parking Lot Maintenance			120,000	21,051
Police Station Replacement Study			160,310	47,022
Fire Station 4 Emergency Backup Generator			100,877	76,681
Emergency Dispatch Center DataAire Replacement			136,563	136,563
Community Safety Emergency Response Communication Equipment			516,855	237,059
Public Safety Surveillance Camera			3,435	3,435
Police Patrol Vehicle Replacements (5)			263,000	253,704
Police Station Building Maintenance and Improvements			17,500	9,310
Fire Stations Building Maintenance			101,100	12,390
Patrol Services (Officers, Sergeant: FTE = 4)	613,991	613,991		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>613,991</b>	<b>613,991</b>	<b>2,219,790</b>	<b>1,068,159</b>

The Local Revenue Measure is used to replace aging vehicles and equipment, including five Police patrol vehicles.



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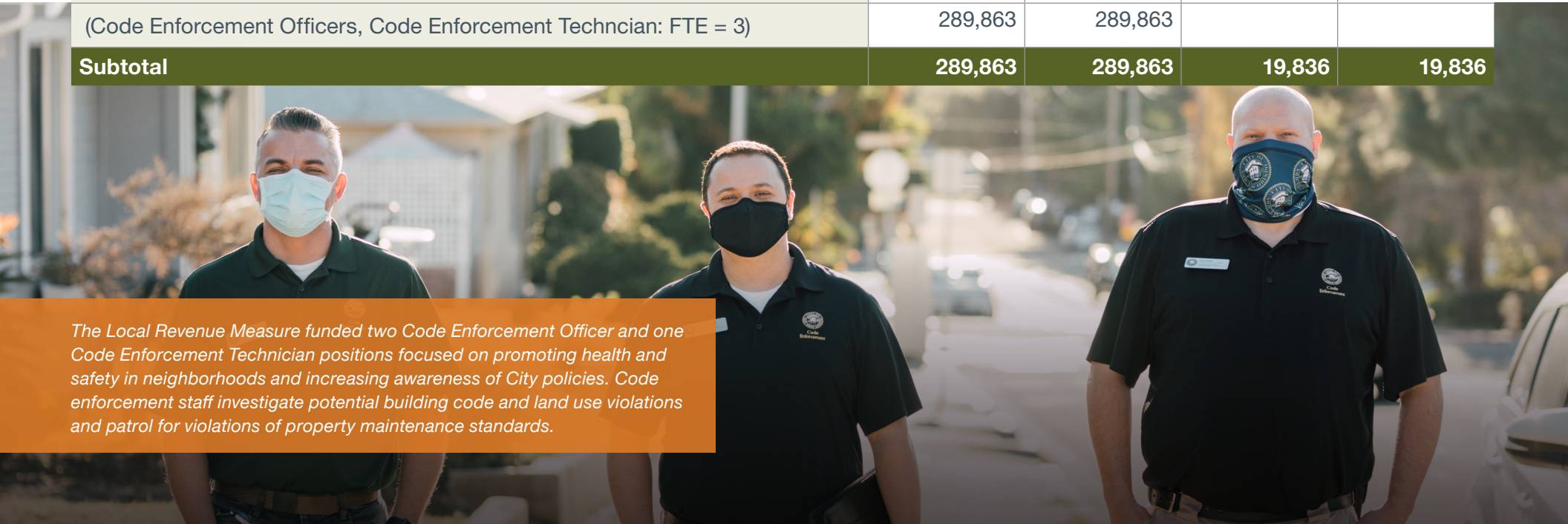
 **NEIGHBORHOOD STREET PAVING** INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO BIKE LANES

South Broad Street Improvements			1,229,562	1,229,562
Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing - Annual Asset Maintenance Account			430,438	96,677
Marsh Street Bridge Replacement			725,089	357,964
Streets and Sidewalk Maintenance (Maintenance Worker, Project Engineer: FTE = 2)	178,017	178,017		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>178,017</b>	<b>178,017</b>	<b>2,385,089</b>	<b>1,684,203</b>

 **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mission Plaza Railing Upgrades			19,836	19,836
(Code Enforcement Officers, Code Enforcement Technician: FTE = 3)	289,863	289,863		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>289,863</b>	<b>289,863</b>	<b>19,836</b>	<b>19,836</b>

The Local Revenue Measure funded two Code Enforcement Officer and one Code Enforcement Technician positions focused on promoting health and safety in neighborhoods and increasing awareness of City policies. Code enforcement staff investigate potential building code and land use violations and patrol for violations of property maintenance standards.



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	2019-20 (BUDGET)	2019-20 (ACTUAL)	2019-20 (BUDGET & CARRYOVER*)	2019-20 (ACTUAL)



## FLOOD PROTECTION

Storm Drain System Replacement			332,367	32,999
Creek and Flood Protection (Collection System Personnel: FTE = 6)	636,534	636,534		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>636,534</b>	<b>636,534</b>	<b>332,367</b>	<b>32,999</b>



## PARKS AND RECREATION / SENIOR PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

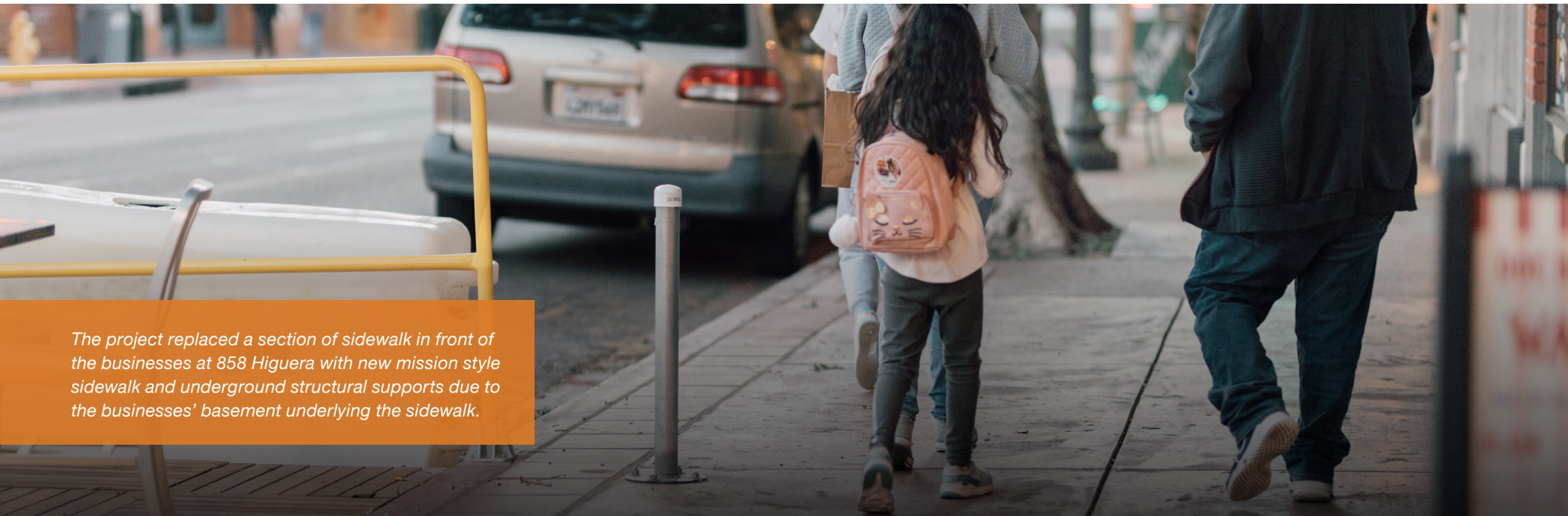
Meadow Park Pedestrian Bridges and Pathways			263,187	239,867
Laguna Lake Golf Course Annual Maintenance			10,000	10,000
Parks Major Maintenance & Repairs			398,626	13,817
Mission Plaza Restroom Replacements and Enhancements			101,486	17,294
Swim Center Co-generation Plant			85,000	1,500
Islay Hill Park Playground Equipment Replacement			518,058	435,563
Swim Center Re-plaster Therapy Pool			121,170	121,170
Swim Center Building Maintenance and Equipment Replacement			18,978	13,557
Jack House Building Maintenance			57,500	12,750
City County Library Major Maintenance			110,420	110,356
Parks and Landscape Maintenance (Maintenance Worker: FTE = 1)	62,834	62,834		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>62,834</b>	<b>62,834</b>	<b>1,684,425</b>	<b>975,875</b>

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 OTHER VITAL SERVICES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

City Facilities HVAC Replacements			99,005	66,779
Multisite Energy Management			32,600	7,770
Fleet Replacements - Annual Asset Maintenance			127,359	5,425
Facilities Annual Asset Maintenance Account			232,371	49,557
Undesignated Capital			3,455	3,455
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>494,790</b>	<b>132,986</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE MEASURE USES</b>	<b>2,237,989</b>	<b>2,237,989</b>	<b>8,520,889</b>	<b>4,757,963</b>

\*Budget & Carryover includes unspent funds for planned, but not yet completed projects. Funds will remain committed to those projects until completed.



The project replaced a section of sidewalk in front of the businesses at 858 Higuera with new mission style sidewalk and underground structural supports due to the businesses' basement underlying the sidewalk.

Open Space Preservation, Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, Traffic Congestion Relief/Safety Improvements, Public Safety, Neighborhood Street Paving, Code Enforcement, Flood Protection, Parks and Recreation/Senior Programs and Facilities, other Vital Services and Capital Projects.

## CITIZENS' REVENUE ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

### Volunteer Residents Serve on the Commission

The Revenue Enhancement Oversight Commission (REOC) reviews, reports, and makes recommendations directly to the City Council regarding the revenue and expenditures of the City's general purpose, half-percent sales tax. The REOC consists of five members, who must be residents and registered voters of the City.

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*Chair*

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*Vice Chair*

**Christopher Ellwood**  
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*Commissioner*



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